



## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tetsuo ASADA Group Art Unit: 3653

Application No.: 10/695,827 Examiner: T. MORRISON

Filed: October 30, 2003 Docket No.: 117637

For: SHEET FEED DEVICE FOR FEEDING CUT SHEETS WHILE INTERPOSING

SHORTENED INTERVAL BETWEEN SUCCESSIVELY FED TWO SHEETS

## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on July 10, 2006,

Applicant asserts that each claim has been provided with the proper status identifier and that the Amendment filed April 17, 2006 is correct.

The outstanding Office Action indicates that Fig. 2 was elected on January 26, 2005, not withstanding Applicant's election on May 27, 2005. Because Fig. 2 was inadvertently elected, the claims were reevaluated to determine which claims actually read on elected Fig. 2. After further review, claims 1, 4, 6-8, 12, 15 and 17-19 read on the elected Fig. 2 and claims 1 and 12 remain generic to the pending non-elected claims. Accordingly, each claim has been provided with the proper status identifier. Applicant's representative contacted Examiner Morrison and the Examiner appeared to agree with this approach.

Should there be any questions or comments in this matter, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's representative.

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